1	2	3	4
2001-02	75.84	50.54	58.65
2002-03	76.71	99.34	100.68
2003-04	71.02	47.23	49.71
2004-05	67.87	67.87	84.37
2005-06	121.16	121.16	109.13
2006-07	119.80	138.26	134.55
TOTAL:	608.22	549.67	537.09

Funds are released based on the progress of the sanctioned works and utilization certificates received from the State Government. Total utilization of fund by the State from 2000-01 to 2006-07 was Rs.537.09 against which fund released was Rs. 549.67 crore which is more than the utilization. CRF is a non lapsable fund. During 2002-03 and 2006-07 release was more than the accrual.

Maintenance of NHs **in Rajasthan**

1932. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that requirement of funds for Periodic Renewal and Ordinary Maintenance for National Highways in Rajasthan is more than the allocation made by Government;

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government to allocate balance funds;

(c) whether it is a fact that renewal of NHs is done in three to four years; and

(d) what is the status of renewals in Rajasthan and if there is back log by when it would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) The allocation of funds for maintenance and repair of National Highways in the country is nearly 40% of the amount required as per norms. The shortfall in funds is reflected in allocation for maintenance and repair which also includes periodic renewal of National Highways to all the States including Rajasthan.

(c) Periodicity is not only criteria for renewal. It also depends on condition of road.

(d) Road condition can be improved by measures such as strengthening, widening, improvement of riding quality and periodic renewal. These measures are taken up in phases depending upon condition of roads, *inter-se* priority of works and availability of funds.